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## PATENT

Docket No.

53786USA5B012

## Amendment Transmittal Letter

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

Inventor(s): MARK D. GEHLSSEN and BRADLEY S. MOMCHILOVICH  
 Application No. 09/714,658 Group Art Unit: 1771  
 Filed: November 16, 2000 Examiner: V. Chang  
 Title: ARTICLES THAT INCLUDE A POLYMER FOAM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING  
 SAME

- ☒ Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
☒ The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended							
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee	
Total Claims	40	Minus	** 46	= 0	x \$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	*** 7	= 0	x \$84.00	=	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid					\$280.00		\$0.00
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →							\$0.00

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- ☒ Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary it is hereby requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Response. A petition for a one-month extension in responding to the Office Action is also submitted. Upon grant of the petition, the Amendment and Response is timely if filed by November 30, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 33, 37, 38-42, and 44-46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

10. (Once Amended) The foam article according to claim 1, wherein said polymer foam is stretched in at least one direction.

11. (Once Amended) The foam article according to claim 10, wherein said polymer foam has a matrix and contains microvoids between said matrix and said expandable microspheres.

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